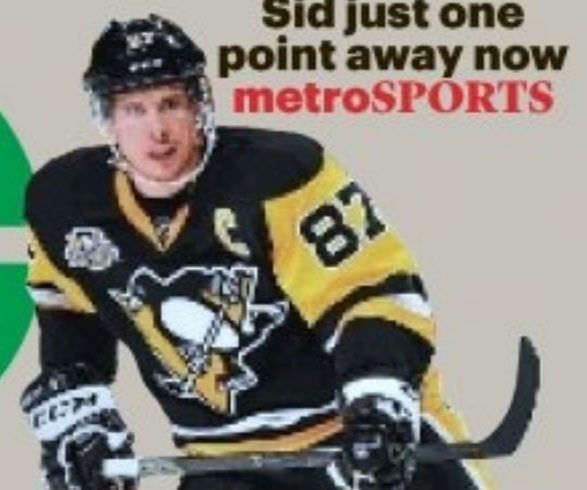


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Dan Weir of Weird Harbour Cafe on Barrington waits on customers on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Halifax, have some patience

BLIZZARD

Snow removal will take days after storm, city says



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

Get used to it, Halifax.

The municipality can't say when exactly this week's 55 to 70 centimetres of snow will be cleared, but "it's not hours, it's gonna be some days."

"Unfortunately with a storm of this magnitude, the service standards that we usually go by ... aren't able to be met," HRM superintendent of winter operations Trevor Harvie said Tuesday. "It's hard to speculate a time frame on it at this point."

Harvie said the snow stopped at 8 a.m. Tuesday. The usual service standards are to have main arterials cleared within 12 hours.

Residential streets are supposed to be cleared "to a snow-covered and passable state" within 24 hours.

Sidewalks on main arteries and downtown are supposed to be done within 12 hours, side-walks along transit routes 18 hours and residential sidewalks 36 hours. "Right now our streets are in pretty good shape considering that (Tuesday) morning we just finished getting around 60 centimetres of snow," Harvie said.

Another 15 centimetres forecast Wednesday night into Thursday — which Environment Canada meteorologist Tracey Talbot said could mix with rain and ice pellets — isn't going to help, Harvie said, "but we're still in the snow business."

"Mother Nature can be your friend or foe, and we just take care of it as it comes and do the best we can," he said.

The municipality brought in extra equipment to remove snow from streets and bus stops, and Harvie asked for the public's help tackling sidewalks.

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LABOUR

Minister unveils bill that may end dispute

Any future work-to-rule would see student teachers in the classrooms, and look different from what's been happening over the past two months.

Education Minister Karen Casey unveiled the proposed contract Tuesday as part of the Teachers Professional Agreement and Classroom Improvement Act, which, once passed, would end the 16-month-long contract dispute that included three rejected tentative agreements, and Nova Scotia Teachers Union (NSTU) members will no longer be in a strike position.

"Our focus is to ... begin to implement the changes that teachers have asked for in the classroom. We cannot do that with this impasse and we cannot do that with teachers on work-to-rule," Casey said in a press conference.

Much of the details are similar to earlier agreements, like setting up a Council to Improve Classroom Conditions within 14 days, and \$20 million to spend over two years. Although an arbitrator will not be appointed, Casey said any suggestions will "be honoured" since they come from nine teachers on the council, plus union and government members.

A three-person Commission on Inclusive Education will be struck within 30 days of the bill passing, and although no specific funds are attached Casey said they would find funds in the department or other budgets.

A clarification on Section 26 and 31 of the Education Act was needed to emphasize teachers must carry out their duties during actions like work-to-rule (when-ever teachers are in the school),

Casey said. Those include parent-teacher meetings, extra help, analyzing outcomes, conducting assessments, communicating regularly with parents, and taking student teachers into schools.

"We want to make sure there is no room for ambiguity," Casey said.

The contract includes a three per cent salary increase over four years, the same wage pattern teachers rejected in the first deal, but by a smaller margin than in the other votes so Casey said that's why it was used.

The contract also freezes the long service award as of July, 2015, and doesn't contain the two extra personal days from the third agreement, since Casey said reaction from teachers showed that wasn't a priority.

Commitment letters will also go out Wednesday on possible immediate Powerschool changes, clarification to school boards that no-fail policies do not exist in N.S., and that boards can move ahead with a draft attendance policy.

NSTU president Liette Doucet said teachers are prepared to fight the legislation, and if they weren't angry at the other deals, they will be "sufficiently angry" now to have this forced on them.

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Liette Doucet could not say whether the NSTU will go on a full strike now or give a timeline of when they might decide, since the members are "still in discussion."

Liberal 'stomping' on teachers' rights

PROTEST

Crowd gathers at provincial legislature as bill tabled



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Cheers, whistles and singing filled the icy night air from a group of more than 200 teachers, parents and residents protesting outside Province House as the government tabled a bill to legislate a teacher contract.

Vanessa Turner and Susan Noiles, both teachers at Lockview High School, said they were frustrated with Premier Stephen McNeil's comments the emergency sitting and bill were needed to protect students by ending work-to-rule.

"Maybe extracurriculars aren't being done, but the truth is education is happening," Noiles said.

Turner said she has "huge" class sizes with diverse needs, and since work-to-rule began she's had more time to look for better resources to deliver her curriculum, rather than entering data through "archaic" programs.

The bill's aim to set up a council on classroom issues and inclusion committee is a lot of



Members of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union and their supporters rally outside Province House Tuesday night to oppose legislation being introduced by the Nova Scotia Liberals. JEFF HARPER/METRO

talking and "not enough action," Turner said, especially when no special education teachers would be on the committee, and there's been surveys with teachers, parents and students on their concerns, data from the School Advisory Councils, plus an Action Plan for Education, all showing what could be done now.

For part of the bill to enforce teachers carry out all Education Act duties under future work-to-rule shows the power of the job action, Noiles said. Turner added

that ultimately means any job action in the future would likely be an all-out strike, which is worse for parents.

One special education teacher, who preferred not to be named, said, "That's what a legal strike action is. You can legally not do these things."

Noiles said she found it hard to get past the fact the Liberal government was introducing a bill to legislate a contract at all.

"It's the government stomping on collective bargaining," Noiles said, and Turner add-

ed that bargaining right is enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which no provincial law can take away.

"This is not like unique to teachers, this is a Canadian thing," Turner said.

Although some other teachers at the rally said they would welcome a strike, Turner said speaking "loud and frequently" against the bill during law amendments is what's needed next, and making sure they continue to show their "best teaching."






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Cashing in on post-blizzard blues

WEATHER

Customers flood eateries, cafés open after storm



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

The day after what Halifax social media dubbed #snowpocalypse and #snowmageddon, small business was booming for those who opened their doors.

"We're open if you want to be able to tell your kids that when you were their age, you had to walk six miles in waist high snow just to get to Weird Harbour," Dan Weir joked on social media Tuesday morning as the city dug out from a blizzard.

The owner of Weird Harbour Espresso Bar in downtown Halifax said they opened the doors to storm weary customers Tuesday morning and business was brisk.

"I've been hearing from a lot of people that they were starting to get cabin fever ... A few people were just thankful to find something that was open and to get some coffee in them," Weir said on Tuesday afternoon.

"Now that we're due for more (snow) on Thursday people are really trying to squeeze it in while they can. I appreciate the city more or less shuts down in these kinds of events, so there's not a whole lot businesses can do but grin and bear it and try to have a bit of fun."

Bicycle Thief manager Patrick Gaetz was gearing up for a very busy Valentine's Day evening. Like most of the city, the restaurant was closed on Monday. He said they decided to open for afternoon service at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and business was booming.

"We've also been extremely busy answering emails and phone calls getting ready for (Valentine's Day evening)," he said.

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I've been hearing from a lot of people that they were starting to get cabin fever.

Dan Weir

"We had some cancellations but they've all been completely refilled. It has been busy for me non stop since 8:30 in the morning."

On the other side of the harbour at Dartmouth's Portland Street Creperie, The Darling Crepe created for Valentine's Day was proving to be a huge hit. Business was steady as couples, and others, poured in.

"From my perspective it's important for a creperie to be open on Valentine's Day if at all possible," owner Neil Cook said.

Cook said it can be tough



A pedestrian waits to cross the road between to huge snow mounds on Barrington Street on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

“ You want to be there for the customers and to be there for the staff that are relying on that income. Neil Cook

for small business owners who have to make a decision to open or remain closed during bad weather.

"As a business owner my perspective is you think about it carefully," he said. "You want to be there for the customers and to be there for the staff that are relying on that income while balancing that out with safety."

Snow break will be 'short lived'

There's no escaping winter in Halifax this week.

"The reprieve is short lived," Environment Canada said in a special weather statement Tuesday warning of snow overnight Wednesday into Thursday.

Environment Canada warned that the snow could mix or change over to light rain on Thursday in some areas, with total snowfall amounts between 10 and 15 centimetres.

High winds are also in the forecast once again, with re-

duced visibilities and blowing snow beginning overnight Wednesday.

The new storm follows a blizzard that tore through the region this week, dropping 50 centimetres or more on Halifax. METRO

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Bocar Wade, left, Tolulope Kolawole and Jessie Jollymore of Hope Blooms unveil some of their new salad dressings at an event at the Young Street Superstore last year. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Gottingen's good news

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Youth to be honoured for dedication to neighbourhood

Jordan Omstead
For Metro | Halifax

It's time for the good news to prevail in the Gottingen Street area, says a Halifax community organizer.

On Thursday night, 18 youth from the Gottingen Street neighbourhood will be presented with a Certificate of Achievement to celebrate their dedication to where they live.

The event is hosted by the Halifax Community Investment Fund and will take place at the George Dixon Community Centre from 6 to 8 p.m.

"If you've been in Halifax over the past few months, you know there's been some tragic events in the area," Craig Walkington, chair of the investment fund, said

in an interview Tuesday.

Thursday's event will pay tribute to students who are challenging some of the prevailing attitudes held against the community, Walkington said.

The reputation of violence, "tends to hover over all the other good things in the community," he said.

Four of the 18 youth who will be honoured on Thursday volunteer with Hope Blooms. Founded by Jessie Jollymore in 2008, Hope Blooms uses a community garden as a space for youth to learn about food security, healthy eating and entrepreneurial skills.

"These youth, at such a young age, really embrace contributing back to their community while they move forward in life," said Jollymore on Tuesday.

Walkington hopes Thursday's event will galvanize others in the Gottingen Street community, especially young people, to rise above the cloud of negativity.

"We wanted to hear the good stories and hear from the young people who are doing good in their lives," Walkington said.

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IN BRIEF

Cult classic showcases N.S. connection

Almost four decades after Sydney Mines was briefly known as Valentine Bluff, a Cape Breton-raised podcaster is celebrating the former mining town's role in a classic horror movie.

On Tuesday, Jordan

Bonaparte, a Sydney native who now resides in Halifax, uploaded the second part of a two-episode series about "My Bloody Valentine," a 1981 Canadian-produced film, on his increasingly popular online audio broadcast The Night Time Podcast. TC MEDIA

Halifax DIGEST

CANNING, KINGS COUNTY N.S. student wins \$100,000 Loran Scholarship

Following a weekend of final interviews in Toronto, she got a phone call that will change her life.

Lily Bateman of Canning, a Grade 12 student at Northeast Kings Education Centre, said she was overwhelmed with support from the community once news broke in January that she was among 84 Loran

Scholarship finalists from across the country.

Bateman is among 33 students who have been named this year's Loran Scholars. She'll receive \$100,000 over four years for undergraduate studies as well as mentorship and summer experiences.

"It was amazing," Bateman said. "I just felt so much support and relief that I wouldn't be in debt for the rest of my life." TC MEDIA

NEW BRUNSWICK Changes proposed for animal protection laws

Animal welfare advocates are welcoming proposed changes to legislation in New Brunswick that include increased fines and a new offence related to animal abandonment.

Local Government Minister Serge Rousselle says too often people leave an animal behind when the lease on an apartment expires and

that will now be an offence with a fine ranging from \$240 to \$5,200. There are also new fines for failing to humanely euthanize an animal and holding an animal fighting contest.

Andrea Boyd of People for Stronger Animal Protection says her group is still pushing the government for more changes, including protection of animals from extreme weather.

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QUEENS COUNTY

House fire kills 89-year-old

Jordan Omstead
For Metro | Halifax

A fire in Nova Scotia has left one man dead, while a woman needed to be airlifted to Halifax after being pulled from the home.

Queens District RCMP were called to a house fire in Queens County just before 11 a.m. on Tuesday morning. According to

police, all the fire departments in the county also responded. Police say a neighbour heard a loud bang and saw the house on St. Catharines River Road in flames.

The 89-year-old victim was found dead in the home and a woman was airlifted to Halifax to receive treatment for her injuries. She was pulled from the house by a 25-year-old man who was working in the area

when the fire broke out.

Emergency responders needed help from snow removal equipment to get to the house, as areas of the province were hit with up to 50 centimetres of snow on Monday.

According to police, the fire is not believed to be suspicious, but the Nova Scotia Office of the Fire Marshal and the Medical Examiner's Office are assisting in the investigation.

POLICE

Sexual assault files getting audit after investigation

An investigation that showed a high rate of sexual assault cases in the area has resulted in an internal audit by the Truro Police Service.

A Globe and Mail investigation into sexual assault cases across the country, from 2010 to 2014, put the rate of unfounded cases in Truro at 55 per cent. Incidents are listed as unfounded when it is decided that a criminal violation did not take place.

"I was surprised to see that our police service had such a

+ TIMELINE

The audit will be completed by Feb. 20.

high number of cases cleared as 'unfounded' and as a result of this I wanted to know why," said Truro Police Chief Dave MacNeil.

"Once this article came out we had a quick look at our sexual assault files and determined that several of these, once in-

vestigated, should have been assigned another occurrence type other than "sexual assault," as they were not sexual assaults as originally reported."

The staff sergeant in charge of the criminal investigation division is conducting an internal audit of files from 2010 to 2016 to ensure files were thoroughly investigated and to determine whether occurrences should have been classed as 'sexual assault' or something different.

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Three measles cases confirmed

PUBLIC HEALTH

Investigation ongoing, but risk is low, say health officials

Health officials in Nova Scotia have confirmed three cases of measles in the Halifax area - the first time in nine years the highly contagious infection has been reported in the province.

The Nova Scotia Health Authority, said Tuesday, it is investigating to determine how the three people became

infected.

Dr. Trevor Arnason said it is rare to see cases of measles in Nova Scotia, and most people are protected by a vaccination.

Measles is a viral illness and most people fully recover within two or three weeks, however it can have serious complications for infants, pregnant women and those with weakened immune systems.

"While the risk to the general public is low at this point, it's important to be aware of measles symptoms and to know what to do if you develop symptoms," said Arnason.

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Love stretches far across years, ocean

ROMANCE

Local woman to remarry husband after 40 years apart

Love always finds a way, even if it takes four decades.

In an extraordinary love story, Angie Willems, 61, of Scotchtown, is preparing to move to England to remarry her first husband David Jowers, 71, a man she had not seen or heard from in more than 40 years.

"I never in my wildest dreams thought we would be together again after all these years," she said with a huge smile, while wiping a tear away. "To me, that's the thing of fairy tales."

Willems was born in London, England, and grew up in Haverhill, a town in Suffolk. She was only 17 years old when she met Jowers 44 years ago, who was 27 at the time and lived in a

neighbouring town.

They married a year later and moved to Australia, but the marriage only lasted three years. Willems eventually moved to Ontario and Jowers went back to England.

"We were just too young and not ready for marriage."

Willems remarried in 1980 and had two children, but 25 years later the marriage ended. She eventually met a Cape Breton man and ended up moving to Cape Breton where they bought a house in Scotchtown.

However, a sudden breakup found her alone again in June 2015. She found the summer and fall difficult as she worked to pick up the pieces to her life.



We have been in touch every single day since I came back from that holiday.

Angie Williams

She had previously booked a flight to England for November for a month's visit with family and to take in her nephew's wedding.

"The timing was good as I was going through a hard time and needed to get away."

She had a great time in London, but had no way of knowing on her last day there that her life would change forever. She was quietly sitting in the Deja-vu coffee shop in Haverhill when all of a sudden Jowers walked by.

"I tapped on the window," she said, admitting it was quite a shock to see him.

She said the connection was instant.

"We stayed together for an hour-and-a-half and talked non-stop."

She found out Jowers had also remarried, but it hadn't lasted long and he had been alone for about 10 years.

Willems said they started texting every day and then after about five weeks began making little calls to each other. TC MEDIA



Angie Willems of Scotchtown relaxes at Dominion Beach, a favourite spot for her and former husband (soon-to-be husband all over again) David Jowers of Haverhill, England, during a recent trip he made to Cape Breton to visit her. TC MEDIA

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BUSINESS

Valentine's Day storm gives florists extra challenges

Snow doesn't stop Valentine's Day, but it does slow it down.

Florists in Nova Scotia were open and delivering, but they said the Monday blizzard that lingered into Tuesday was impacting them.

After receiving about 50 centimetres leading into one of the biggest days of the year for flower sales, Tom Makin, co-owner of McKean's Flowers in New Glasgow, said it was

difficult to get deliveries around, but they had "several trucks on the go."

"Florists are tough and resilient. We're used to this stuff."

Makin, who operates the business with his wife Suzanne, said they seemed to be receiving a lot of walk-in customers who were surprised they were open.

It's an important day for

McKean's to be open, he said.

Zelda Crossman, who operates Zelda's Flower Studio in New Glasgow, said she started shovelling out her business at 7 a.m. "so that people would have their valentines."

She said the storm had impacted them, but "the roses are in the fridge and we're here to help whoever comes, whoever can get out of their driveway." TC MEDIA

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Beaverhouse First Nation Chief Marcia Brown Martel is the lead plaintiff in an Ontario class-action suit. A judge ruled Tuesday in favour of 16,000 indigenous Ontarians who were removed from their communities in the Sixties Scoop. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Great harm was done'

SIXTIES SCOOP

Judge sides with survivors in groundbreaking decision

After trying for eight years to have a class-action lawsuit brought by Ontario survivors of the '60s Scoop thrown out, the federal government was dealt a blow Tuesday in a stinging ruling by a Toronto judge who found in the survivors' favour.

The government had a "common law duty of care" to take reasonable steps to prevent on-reserve children from losing their indigenous identity after they were removed and placed in non-indigenous care between 1965 and 1984, concluded Superior Court Justice

Edward Belobaba.

"Canada breached this common law duty of care," the judge said.

It's believed there are at least 16,000 survivors of the '60s Scoop in Ontario, who have spoken of psychological harm as a result of the loss of their cultural identity, which has affected them throughout adulthood.

"The Sixties Scoop happened and great harm was done," Belobaba wrote in his 20-page ruling.

"The uncontroverted evidence of the plaintiff's experts is that the loss of their aboriginal identity left the children fundamentally disoriented, with a reduced ability to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. The loss of aboriginal identity resulted in psychiatric disorders,

substance abuse, unemployment, violence and numerous suicides."

The victory — the first for a '60s Scoop lawsuit in Canada — after years of legal wrangling was hailed by the plaintiffs and indigenous rights groups, who acknowledged this is not the end of the case.

The lead plaintiff, Marcia Brown Martel, 53, a member of the Temagami First Nation near Kirkland Lake, Ont., was adopted by a non-aboriginal couple in 1972 at age nine. She later discovered the Canadian government had declared her original identity dead.

"I feel like a great weight has been lifted from my heart," Brown Martel said. "Our pain was acknowledged."

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IMMIGRATION

Goodale to talk border with U.S. counterpart

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says he will soon talk face-to-face with his U.S. counterpart about the difficulties some Canadians are experiencing at the border.

Goodale said Tuesday he will have a chance in coming weeks - no date has been set - to discuss any border "issues or tensions" with Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly.

"We're working on the scheduling of that," Goodale said after a cabinet meeting. "The atmosphere in terms of the preliminary relationship seems to be very, very good."

The Nexus trusted-traveler cards of about 200 Canadian permanent residents were suddenly cancelled after President Donald Trump issued an executive immigration order banning visitors from seven largely Muslim countries.

There have been several recent reports about minorities being turned away at the U.S. border. At the same time, Manitoba is grappling with an influx of would-be refugees crossing at remote border points in bitterly cold weather.



Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale

Goodale was briefed on the refugee issue Tuesday by RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson and Canada Border Services Agency president John Ossowski.

"They're redeploying resources to make sure that they've got the right people at the right place to be able to cope with these matters," Goodale said.

The border issues have threatened to overshadow progress Canada made this week in Washington on plans for cargo preclearance to speed up trade as well as more extensive co-operation on fending off cyberthreats.

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EDUCATION

Liberals write off \$178M in loans

The federal government for the second year in a row is writing off millions in student loans it will never collect, this time to the tune of \$178.4 million.

The money represents 32,554 loans that federal officials believe they will never be able to collect, either because a debtor may have filed for bankruptcy, the debt itself has passed a six-year legal limit on collection, or the debtor can't be found.

Last year, the government wrote off 33,967 loans totalling \$176 million.

Federal officials have increased their efforts in recent years to collect outstanding student loans after watching write-offs hit \$312 million in 2012 and \$295 million in 2015.

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A White House filled with drama

POLITICS

President Trump has lots of problems, but Canada isn't one

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has assured his U.S. counterpart over the phone that there might be 10,000 problems that land on his White House desk — and Canada won't be among them.

How true that promise rang Tuesday. Trudeau had barely left Washington and the cheer of a drama-free day was swiftly overshadowed by an incoming storm of palace intrigue, backstabbing, leaks, international incidents and a spying scandal that rocked Donald Trump's White House.

Trump's national security adviser Michael Flynn wandered in to watch the Trudeau-Trump news conference. It made for an awkward scene, as, just a few feet away, a U.S. journalist was chatting on air about whether Flynn might be fired.

He was, hours later.

Less than 24 hours later, at another news conference, Trump's spokesman was asked why Flynn was fired. Sean Spicer said it was



National Security Adviser Michael Flynn has left his position in the Trump administration.

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because the former military man and campaign surrogate had misled the president about his phone calls.

"The evolving and eroding level of trust as a result of this situation and a series of other questionable instances is what led the president to ask for Gen. Flynn's resignation," Spicer said.

Several media outlets were tipped off about the existence of transcripts of Flynn-Russia

phone calls, intercepted by U.S. intelligence. It's just one of several high-level calls leaked to journalists recently.

There are demands for a full investigation into the administration's interactions with the Russian government. Democrats want one and the idea is gaining support among Republicans.

Trump, meanwhile, tweeted: "The real story here is why are there so many illegal leaks com-

ing out of Washington? Will these leaks be happening as I deal on (North) Korea?"

Speaking of North Korea, the nuclear-armed nation produced two surprises this week. The first was its latest missile test — as Trump spent the weekend with the leader of North Korean nemesis Japan.

International tensions didn't end there.

Russia reportedly tested a

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President Donald Trump was told in late January that his top national security aide had misled his vice-president, three weeks before Trump ousted adviser Michael Flynn amid a swirling public controversy over Flynn's contacts with a Russian official, said press secretary Sean Spicer on Tuesday.

new cruise missile despite U.S. complaints that it violated a landmark 1987 arms treaty. With respect to Russia, Spicer told Tuesday's briefing that U.S. policy hasn't changed — sanctions will remain and Russia should return Crimea to Ukraine.

Then there was Venezuela: the U.S. on Tuesday officially designated its vice-president a drug trafficker.

In the meantime, more leaks.

Several sources have now said that top White House aide Reince Priebus might be the next to hear the reality-show-star-turned-president deliver that signature phrase: You're fired.

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Women planning next move

As Samia Assed watched election returns come in with her children and another Muslim family, she panicked when it became clear that Donald Trump would win the presidency. The Palestinian-American woman wondered if they would have to register as Muslims, as Trump said during his campaign. Would she be barred from wearing her hijab in public?

Assed has turned her fears into action, joining what advocacy groups say are hundreds, possibly thousands of women of colour, who are exploring a run for public office. Across the country, women are gathering signatures, attending workshops and signing up for fundraising and public-speaking classes as they set their eyes on school board seats, city councils, state offices and even Congress.

Just how many women of colour will actually seek office is anyone's guess. Advocacy groups say it's too early to determine how many women will formally file papers, but they believe the number could triple. Some are deciding on what position to seek, while others are waiting for 2018 or 2019, advocates said.

VoteRunLead director Erin Vilardi said the group has seen a jump in the number of women interested in politics. The New York-based group typically draws 50 to 100 participants for webinars like "From Protester to Politician." But since November, the webinars have attracted more than 1,000 participants each time, Vilardi said. And about half of those signing up are women of colour.

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Canadian Prime Minister Joe Trudeau visits — wait, what?



Press Secretary Sean Spicer at press briefing Tuesday at the White House. GETTY IMAGES

Donald Trump's press secretary, Sean Spicer, had a lot on his mind at the start of his daily briefing on Tuesday. Which may or may not explain what he called Canada's prime minister: Joe.

Spicer used much of his opening statement to explain the forced resignation of Trump's na-

tional security adviser, Michael Flynn. Before he let reporters begin grilling him on the Flynn fiasco, he found a bit of time to mention Trump's Monday meeting with Justin Trudeau.

"Yesterday the president set — had an incredibly productive set of meetings and discussions with Prime Minister Joe Trudeau


of Canada," he said, "focusing on our shared commitment to close co-operation in addressing both the challenges facing our two countries and the problems throughout the world."

Trump's chaos-plagued young administration has been struggling with basic tasks like identifying foreign leaders correctly.

It has called United Kingdom Prime Minister Theresa May "Teresa," called the president of Colombia the president of "Columbia," and called the prime minister of Australia the president of Australia.

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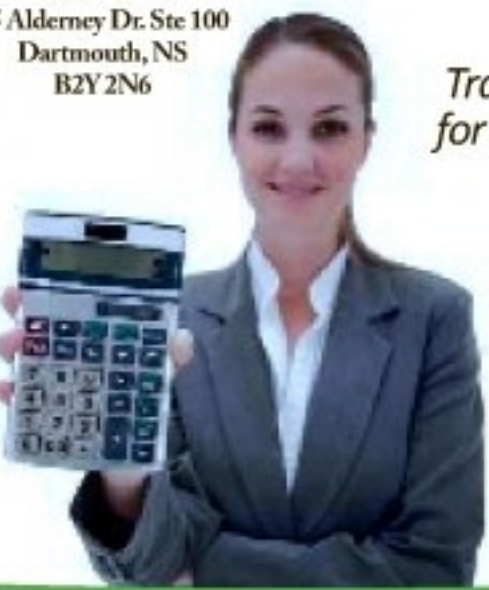
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Attention shifts to PM's Europe trip

FREE-TRADE DEAL

Ratification vote expected to coincide with visit

Feeling a sense of relief following Donald Trump's remarks on the future of U.S. trade with Canada, business leaders are now hoping for a second wave of positive news out of Europe.

Corporate Canada is shifting its focus to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's trip across the Atlantic later this week.

Trudeau's visit is expected to coincide with the European Union's ratification vote on its free-trade deal with Canada, an agreement nearly scuttled last fall due to opposition from a small region in Belgium.

"The prime minister is now off to hopefully put (the Canada-EU free trade deal) in his pocket and bring it home from Europe, which would also be good news," John Manley, the

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John Manley

president of the Business Council of Canada, said in an interview.

Canada is expected to ratify the deal after the European Parliament gives its OK, which is expected to come Wednesday. The next day, Trudeau will arrive in Strasbourg, France, where he will extol the merits of liberalized trade in a speech to the European Parliament.

Trudeau will then travel to Berlin for a meeting with Chancellor Angela Merkel, where the trade message is expected to be reinforced.

Business leaders in Canada said they were somewhat comforted by U.S. President Donald Trump's comments Monday

after his first face-to-face meeting with Trudeau.

In particular, they highlighted the president's remark that the U.S. was in favour of "tweaking" the North American Free Trade Agreement, rather than ripping up or dramatically changing the deal, as Trump had vowed to do during the election campaign. "We'll be doing certain things that are going to benefit both of our countries," Trump said.

There are expectations in Canada that the president's words will help lift business confidence after weeks of companies wondering what the future will hold.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Spending funds pushed to next year

The Liberal government won't be able to spend hundreds of millions in infrastructure money this year, instead moving the planned spending to next year.

Spending documents released Tuesday show that \$828 million that was budgeted to be spent this year on the Liberals' new infrastructure plan will be moved over to the coming fiscal year that begins April 1.

That amount represents about one-quarter of the \$3.27 billion budgeted to be spent on

new and existing infrastructure programs in the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

The figure doesn't include \$282 million that Public Services and Procurement Canada and Fisheries and Oceans had planned to spend on federal infrastructure projects in this fiscal year. Nor does it include \$24.4 million being carried over from a national program to upgrade community and cultural centres as part of Canada 150 celebrations.

It's not unheard of to have

federal infrastructure money "reprofiled" from one fiscal year to the next: Spending analyses have shown that about one-quarter of infrastructure funds don't get spent in the year for which they are budgeted.

The reason is that federal dollars only flow once project proponents submit receipts for reimbursement, often leaving a lag between when work takes place and when infrastructure money is actually spent. In some cases, the federal gov-

ernment won't receive receipts until the end of a project.

And projects themselves can be delayed for any number of reasons, such as bad weather or a labour disruption, that are beyond the control of the federal government.

The money, however, doesn't disappear. "Money committed to specific projects continues to be available for those projects," said Brook Simpson, a spokesman for Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi.

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CANNABIS

Industry opposes call to ban pot branding

Garfield Mahood has spent 30 years fighting for the Canadian government to require plain packaging for cigarettes. So, the long-time activist says he doesn't have much faith in the government's ability to regulate and restrict the marketing of marijuana.

As the Liberal government prepares to introduce legislation to "legalize, regulate and restrict access to marijuana" before this summer, one area that the cannabis industry and

public health advocates are closely watching is whether it will allow companies to brand and promote their products.

A task force recommended it require plain packaging and a limit to advertising similar to the restrictions on tobacco. But licensed producers of medical marijuana argue that cannabis isn't as dangerous as tobacco and that branding and marketing are necessary to attract consumers to the legal industry.

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JESSICA ALLEN ON SOLIDARITY SISTERS



It's good to see conflict in feminism as it strives to include women across race and class. It means it's breathing, alive, and thriving.

On Sunday night, the eve of Galentine's Day no less, Adele told the world her Album of the Year Grammy should've gone to Beyoncé. And then, as if the universe was steered by the forces of sisterhood, the top of the trophy popped off, leaving a piece for each.

It was a shining moment of female friendship. A gesture of solidarity between powerful female voices, Bey's mouthed words to Adele echoing into the era: "I love you."

It was amazing to see undercurrents that sometimes splinter the movement — questions of race and power, who gets included or excluded and why — seemed to melt away.

It was almost enough to make you forget that the institution representing power in the music industry gave the biggest award of the year to a white woman, again.

That beautiful moment also reminded us that though female friendship is a powerful short-hand for solidarity, this stuff is complicated. Really complicated.

Meanwhile, over at HBO, the season premiere of *Girls* illuminated the seedier side of female relationships.

Hannah Horvath, played by show creator Lena Dunham, lands a column in the *New York Times* by mining the pain generated by her best friend hooking up with her ex.

The byline leads to a meeting with the editor of the *SlagMag*: "We're basically hiring you for your

landed a new marketing job and is eager to network at an event hosted by WEMUN, Women Entrepreneurs



The forces of female friendship split Adele's Grammy, so a piece could rightfully go to Beyoncé, Jessica Allen writes. GETTY IMAGES

look, your vibe and your shape. Just your whole thing," the editor, played by Chelsea Peretti, says. It is something Hannah's always wanted to hear.

She's sent on an assignment sold as "stupid and rad." She must infiltrate a surf school in the Hamptons attended by rich women, whom she will pick apart in print.

In a single scene, a woman slaps a scarlet "A" on her one-time friend while the editor reduces Hannah to a caricature and pays her to do the same to other women.

The second episode, which airs this Sunday, delves further into the complicated, sometimes volatile interactions between women. Shoshanna, played by Zosia Mamet, has

neurs Meet Up Now.

It's a chance for "amazing business women" to connect and talk about how to "synergize and mobilize."

Jessa, lost professionally and personally, tags along, functioning as the audience's Greek choir, asking Shosh why she wants to surround herself with this brand of woman, especially with membership fees at \$2,000.

"Whether it's how to rock a romper at a work event or who you should be voting for, a WEMUN woman is the person to ask," a co-founder tells the group. "Is it open for trans women? The answer is we don't know, OK?"

Not just a great punch line, that "we don't know" was refreshing. Having

the courage to say "I don't know" when dealing with something as complex as the power of half the planet is hell of a lot better than the mission statement demanded by some after the Women's March on Washington.

Remember when Gloria Steinem and Madeleine Albright, two towering figures of feminism, told progressive young women who to vote for? Now that a man who has a public record of demeaning women is president of the U.S., this infighting over what some might consider minutiae of feminism, seems quaint.

The thorny problem here: feminism, which at its most basic means equal opportunities for women in every sphere, doesn't mean that 3.5 billion people have to agree with each other. Equality and liberty mean very different things, which is why the French made sure to include both words in their national motto.

It's good to see conflicts in the feminist movement as it strives to include women across race and class. It means it's breathing, alive, and thriving.

We are not going to agree on everything, which is why *Girls*, a show about four millennial white women living in Brooklyn is so good: it revels in the mess.

Though Hannah does express a sentiment that transcends all boundaries: "I definitely feel more like a dumpling than a woman," she said.

Welcome to the club.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's *The Social*.

VICKY MOCHAMA

Don't bother asking the liar-in-chief for any answers on Flynn

With the late-night resignation of Donald Trump's national security adviser Michael Flynn, the question has to be asked: What did the president know and when did he know it?

The more important question for me, however, is: Are we all talking about the same president? And are we asking about what he knows? If they hadn't made him move house, I would doubt he was aware that he was actually president.

I'm not entirely certain he has read the American Constitution.

He can't have, because he would have thought long and hard (for him) before surrounding himself with opportunistic billionaires and Mike Pence while the 25th amendment still exists.

(Section 4 of the 25th Amendment allows a majority of the cabinet to declare the president unfit to serve. It also elevates the vice-president to the presidency.)

The one thing we can be certain of is that whenever Donald Trump was told A Thing is an entirely different moment from when he actually knew That Thing. Which is, in turn, a different event from when he will ultimately, and needlessly, lie about it.

After all, this is the administration that has introduced the world to "alternative facts."

In this way, Trump is an inspiring leader. You can see his on-again-off-again relationship with the truth all over his administration. At Tuesday morning's briefing, White

House Press Secretary Sean Spicer called our prime minister "Joe Trudeau." Maybe it was an accident, but the visit happened 24 hours ago. How hard is it to not screw up your guest's name?

Comically-innocent errors have been few and far between. Everything else is far more dangerous.

The promise to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act looks poised to just be a repeal. "Draining the swamp" has included putting billionaires from Goldman Sachs and ExxonMobil in the cabinet.

From the wild manipulations of adviser Kellyanne Conway to the mendacity of Spicer to the alleged threats from Omarosa Manigault, the staff are clearly taking their cues from the top.

Aside from the actual access he has to nuclear weapons, the daily danger that Trump possesses is that of a clueless white man speaking loudly on things he knows nothing about. This is an archetype who, when questioned, will lie and obfuscate.

As reported last summer in the *Washington Post*, in a 2007 deposition lawyers caught Trump in a lie 30 times. Try lying 30 times at your job today. They'll either make you CEO or show you the door. (Don't tell them I sent you; I take no responsibility.)

In this alternate reality we're living, the question should be asked: What did Trump voters know and when did they know it?



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Spice-rubbed Pork Chops

Makes 4 servings.

You wouldn't think that a recipe that requires just 10 minutes of prep could yield such remarkable results, but that's the thing with pork chops: They're fast and delicious. This recipe pairs them with a brown sugar rub filled with the five-alarm fragrance of chili powder, black pepper, cumin and garlic, which caramelizes into the most delectable crust. This recipe will wind up on your regular roster.

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp coarse salt
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin seeds
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 4 bone-in pork chops, 1 inch (2.5 cm) thick, trimmed

Directions:

1. In a bowl, combine all the ingredients, except for the pork chops. Place the meat on a plate. Coat and rub with the spice mixture. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight.
2. Preheat the grill, setting the burners to medium-high. Oil the grate.
3. Grill the pork chops for 4 to 5 minutes on each side for medium-rare doneness. Let

rest for 5 minutes. If desired, garnish with chopped celery leaves.

Beef and Leek Confit Open-Faced Sandwich

Makes 4 servings.

The linchpin component here is the leek confit, which sounds fancy but is easy as pie to make: It's simply seasoned leeks baked for 40 minutes in cream and butter. Served over crusty country bread and topped with hot mustard, cheese, arugula and thinly sliced flank steak, it makes for a simple but memorable meal.

Ingredients:

For leeks:

- 2 leeks, cut into pieces 1 1/4 inches (3 cm) thick
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) 35 per cent heavy cream
- 1/4 cup (55 g) cold butter, cubed
- Salt and pepper, to taste

For beef:

- 1 flank steak or beef strip loin, about 1 lb (450 g)
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil

For sandwiches:

- 4 slices country bread
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) Dijon mustard
- 8 oz (200 g) firm cheese (Marechal, Comté, Gruyère), cut into 4 slices
- 1 cup (25 g) baby arugula
- Pepper, to taste



Directions:

1. To make the leek confit, with the rack in middle position preheat the oven to 400F/200C. In a baking dish, spread the leeks in an even layer and cover with the cream and butter. Season with salt and pepper. Cover and bake for 40 minutes. Uncover and continue baking for about 5 minutes. Set aside.
2. Meanwhile, to prepare the beef, heat oil in skillet over medium heat. Add meat and

brown on both sides until desired doneness. Set aside on a plate and let rest for about 15 minutes. Thinly slice the meat.

3. To make the sandwiches, move oven rack to highest position and preheat broiler. Place bread slices on a baking sheet. Spread with mustard and cover with cheese. Broil for about 5 minutes or until cheese is melted and bread begins to toast. Garnish with sliced beef, leeks, and arugula. Generously season.



Cheddar and Broccoli Soup

Makes 4 servings.

Broccoli is a hard sell for some kids, but not in this recipe, which includes so many other favourite flavours: cheddar cheese, cream, chicken broth, even ham! The result is a hearty soup that's creamy, salty and smoky, and the embodiment of comfort food. Make a double batch and

you'll have enough to warm your soul every day this week.

Ingredients:

- 1 shallot, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 3 tbsp (40 g) butter
- 4 thin slices ham, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup (40 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 pinch ground nutmeg
- 3 1/2 cups (875 mL) chicken broth
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) 35 per cent heavy cream or 15 per cent cooking cream
- 1 tsp (5 mL) whole-grain mustard
- 2 1/2 cups (225 g) grated mild orange cheddar cheese
- 4 cups (1 L) cooked broccoli florets

Directions:

1. In a saucepan over medium heat, soften shallot and garlic in butter. Add ham and cook for 2 minutes. Sprinkle with flour and nutmeg and cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add broth, cream and mustard. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring with a whisk.
2. Simmer gently for about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in cheese until it is melted completely. Add broccoli and heat through, without boiling. Lightly season with salt and pepper. Transfer to serving bowls.



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LIQUID ASSETS PETER ROCKWELL**Any port in a storm? Not quite, get the real thing**

Portugal, far from it, and Portuguese winemakers spent years seething over the use and abuse of the name of their signature liquid output by a multitude of foreign countries.

In 2013 Canadian vineyards agreed to stop using the term port to describe their fortified wines; choosing instead to go with the less geographically specific term tawny. (Just to add a bit of confusion, tawny is also used in Portugal to describe a variety of aged wines).

While my generation still struggles with the

changeover, millennial-aged consumers only see port as Portuguese. Falling in love with all the sublime personalities the real stuff offers.

If you're looking to discover (or re-discover) Portuguese port, Warre's Otima 10-Year-Old Tawny (500ml, \$21.95-\$26.99) is a super-smooth aged version with round caramel and soft, nutty flavours that drinks well chilled or at room temperature.

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**FOOD BANKS GROW THEIR OWN WAY****Shortages spurring action**

In a bid to make up for a shortfall of high-quality nutritious food, some Canadian food banks are growing their own — and even farming fish.

The Mississauga Food Bank recently launched AquaGrow Farms, where tilapia is being raised in tanks and lettuce is

raised through hydroponics, or without soil. Executive director Christopher Hatch said the Ontario food bank is the first in Canada to be producing its own fish.

"It's not a complete solution, but it's certainly in the right direction and it shows the community we're thinking

creatively about how to solve this problem," said Hatch.

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"If the death occurs outside the country of residence, our professionals will handle all required documentation and deal with cultural and language barriers," says Graham Murphy with Dignity Memorial in Halifax.

"We will cover all costs associated with transporting the deceased back to the funeral home or other designated location, including preparing the body for transport, providing documentation and paying all administrative fees and shipping costs."



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It can be an enormous cost to bring a loved one home. For example, from Toronto can regularly cost \$2,000; from Vancouver or Florida \$3,000; and from Mexico, as much as \$3,000 to \$7,000. Membership in the TRPP plan, however, is a one-time payment of \$495 plus tax.

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Nothing is more luxurious than a fine granite counter in the kitchen or beautiful porcelain flooring in an entranceway.

But don't confuse luxurious with unaffordable, says Peter Giannoulis, owner of The Art of Stone, a family-owned and operated stone store in Halifax.

Giannoulis, a Halifax developer, opened the store in 2015 after identifying a market for competitively priced stone in residential and other properties.

He sources and buys natural stone directly from quarries around the world. The wide selection of quality stone is on display in slabs and in different constructs in The Art of Stone's large showroom.

Brazilian granite, for example, which is regularly priced at about \$90 to \$100 per square foot, retails for \$70 per square foot at The Art of Stone. It's available in a variety of colours and textures for kitchen and bathroom counters and other fabrications. The product is beautiful, durable and unique (no one piece is identical) and can enhance

a decorative windowsill, backsplash or fireplace.

Italian and Greek marble and onyx are regularly priced at \$100 to \$120 per square foot and sell for \$70 to \$80 per square foot at the store. The range of these marble stone products includes Carrara white marble, a high-quality white or blue-grey marble that is well suited for countertops.

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Corolla safety features add value



REVIEW

XSE: Safer and sleeker but still not very fun to drive



Jodi Lai
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The Toyota Corolla is simultaneously one of the most loved and most hated cars on the market. Millions of people buy Corollas, yet car snobs will go on and on about how boring they are.

Here's the truth: For what it is — a budget compact sedan — the Toyota Corolla is perfectly fine, especially because it has just been refreshed for the 2017 model year.

There are a lot of misconceptions we have to clear up about the 2017 Toyota Corolla.

People will tell you it's garbage because it feels like a cheap car. But while the Corolla can't match a Lexus or even a Honda Civic in terms of swankiness, but it's not as bad as you've heard.

The 2017 Corolla gets a new look that gives the sedan some personality. It doesn't seem as cheap, both inside and out. LED headlights and a backup camera are now standard, but more importantly, so is Toyota's safety technology package.

Where most other cars in this class make you pay extra, the Corolla includes automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection, lane departure alert with steering assist, adaptive

cruise control and automatic highbeams as standard equipment. That's a huge deal, considering this car starts at \$18,500 in the U.S. and \$16,390 in Canada.

One oddity is that blind spot monitoring is an option on the Corolla, something drivers may find more useful day to day.

Another misconception is that the Corolla is awful to drive, which isn't 100 per cent true either. In the city, the Corolla is actually pretty great. It's easy and fuss-free, it has great sightlines and off-the-line acceleration isn't terrible. The turning radius is nice and tight so parking and completing U-turns is easy.

It's when you take the Corolla on the highway where it becomes a little depressing. The steering gets extra vague and twitchy, but even worse is that the engine is borderline unresponsive when trying to make a pass. The Corolla is powered by a 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine with 140 horsepower and 126 pound-feet of torque — great in the city, but just not very good at high speeds.

As tested, this Corolla comes with heated seats, a push-button start, keyless entry, auto-dimming rearview mirror, an eight-way power driver's seat, leather-like seating, a sunroof and navigation as options.

In terms of value, the Corolla undercuts the Civic on price while still offering more important standard features at base level. Even fully loaded, the pricing isn't out of whack, but topline models start to step on the toes of much better, more complete cars that might offer a better driving experience or feel more luxurious.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 TOYOTA COROLLA XSE

THE BASICS

Engine: 1.8L four-cylinder
Output: 140 hp, 126 pound-feet of torque
Transmission: CVT
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 8.3 city, 6.7 hwy, 7.5 combined (CVT)
Price: Starts at \$16,390/\$26,928 as tested



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- Lackluster driving dynamics on highway

INNOVATION

BraunAbility and Chrysler team up to create wheelchair-accessible Pacifica



Jason Siu
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The Chrysler Pacifica is the most spacious wheelchair-accessible vehicle in the industry.

The American automaker teamed up with BraunAbility to design a wheelchair-accessible Pacifica that is making its debut at the 2017 Chicago Auto Show.

The minivan features patent-pending AccessAbility technology, including an aerospace-inspired sliding door extension and the industry's widest side-entry ramp.

Helping expand interior space are rear-axle space innovations and cantilevered seat bases.

And to ensure Chrysler integrity and quality, BraunAbility sources its components through the same suppliers and crash-tests to the highest automotive standards.

The partnership between the

two companies also include co-promotion support for the Give a Dog a Job Program benefiting Canine Companions for Independence.

The wheelchair-accessible Chrysler Pacifica is just the latest in a long-time partnership between the two brands, which began more than 45 years ago.

"Whether it's a veteran, a colleague, friend or a family member, there's a good chance we all know someone with a physical

disability who needs help getting to the places and events that matter most to them," said Tim Kuniskis, head of Passenger Cars, Dodge, SRT, Chrysler and FIAT, FCA North America.

"The all-new Chrysler Pacifica is proving to be a lot of things to a lot of people, and now equipped with the BraunAbility technology, it is also the perfect tool to help our customers gain freedom to stay active in their everyday lives."



The Chrysler Pacifica minivan with AccessAbility technology is just the latest product to stem from Chrysler's 45 year-long partnership with BraunAbility. PHOTO COURTESY BRAUNABILITY

Big reveals at the Chicago Auto Show

GETAWAY

Weekend with the new Atlas

Volkswagen of America premiered a new trim package for the Atlas, the Weekend Edition. Inspired by the popular Vanagon and Eurovan Weekender packages from the '80s — which featured a pop-top and closet, but no stove or fridge — the Atlas Weekend Edition is designed to be perfect for a weekend excursion. The trunk is lined with protective plastic and the roof is topped with a pop-up cargo box. SEBASTIEN BELL/AUTOGUIDE.COM



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OUTDOOR

RAV4 revamped for adventure

Toyota is set to offer a fresh version of its popular RAV4 compact crossover.

The new Adventure trim was just revealed at the Chicago Auto Show. Available in model year 2018, this vehicle is dressed for the great outdoors, featuring larger fender flares, an elevated ride height and a standard trailer-prep package.

You can look for the RAV4 Adventure at Toyota dealerships in September.

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LIMITED EDITION

Turning 80 no challenge

Mopar is celebrating its 80th birthday with a limited-edition Dodge Challenger, revealed at the 2017 Chicago Auto Show.

Mopar, Fiat Chrysler Automobile's (FCA) official aftermarket parts arm, puts together limited-edition models every year, but for 2017, the car doubles as a birthday celebration.

Mopar will build just 160 of these cars, 80 of which will be available in Pitch Black/Contusion Blue while the other 80 will come in Pitch Black/Billet Silver.

Each car comes with a serialized Mopar '17 edition badge under the hood, while each customer also gets a Mopar '17 owner's kit which includes things like a welcome letter, birth certificate for the car, a Mopar '17 rendering, Mopar valve stem caps and more.

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The LEGO VWs will make its public debut at the Chicago Auto Show, which started on the 11th and runs until Feb. 20.

According to the VW, the display is made up of more than 20,000 bricks and is a visual metaphor for its design evolution.

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An Atlanta zoo has named a cockroach after Patriots quarterback Tom Brady after losing a Super Bowl bet with a Rhode Island zoo



MILESTONE WATCH CROSBY INCHES CLOSER TO 1,000 WITH ASSIST

Sidney Crosby earned his 999th career NHL point on Tuesday night with an assist on Jake Guentzel's third-period goal in the Penguins' 4-0 win over Vancouver in Pittsburgh.

Crosby led the Penguins with six shots on goal but Canucks goalie Ryan Miller kept the Cole Harbour star stuck on 30 goals for the season.

Crosby's next chance to hit the 1,000-point mark comes Thursday when the Penguins host the Winnipeg Jets. **GENE J. PUSKAR/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL

Therrien out, Julien in as Habs coach

The Montreal Canadiens fired head coach Michel Therrien on Tuesday and brought back former Boston Bruins bench boss Claude Julien to help put life back into their slumping team.

Julien became available when he was fired in his 10th season with the Bruins last week and Canadiens general manager Marc Bergevin was quick to snap him up. It is believed that a handful of other teams were also interested in the 56-year-old coach.

The Canadiens opened the season with a 13-1-1 mark but have been listless over the last two months and have a 2-6-1

record in their last nine games. There was fear of another collapse like last season, when the club went from first place to out of the playoffs after star goalie Carey Price was injured.

Speculation had been building that Therrien would be let go. He ended up being replaced by Julien for the second time in his career. Therrien's first stint with Montreal from 2000-03 ended when Julien took over from 2003-06.

Julien is to run his first practice Friday afternoon and coach the next day in a matinee against the visiting Winnipeg Jets.

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Streaking into playoffs

AUS HOCKEY

Garlent has hot hand with Huskies set to face Panthers



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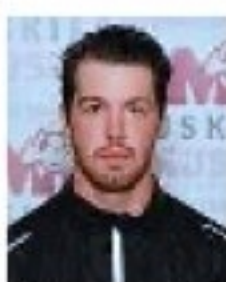
The Saint Mary's Huskies have grown up quickly this season. They'll rely on rookie forward Hunter Garlent to help carry the load when the Atlantic University Sport men's hockey playoffs begin Wednesday night at the Halifax Forum.

The Huskies started the season with 10 first-year players. Then came the injuries, with players shifting positions to help fill sud-

den holes. Through the uncertainty, Garlent has thrived. He enters the best-of-three quarter-final against the University of Prince Edward Panthers as the country's third-leading scorer.

"This league was a new challenge for me, and there was definitely an early transition period," said Garlent, a native of Thorold, Ont. "It's a hard level of play because you are up against men now, but the veterans really made the young players feel comfortable right from the start. My teammates put me in a position to succeed, so a lot of my success is a credit to them."

A former 40-goal scorer with the OHL's Peterborough Petes, Garlent's 18 goals and 45 points were welcome at the Huskies. He has a point in 18 of his last 19 games. Garlent had just one assist in the first five games, so



Hunter Garlent

he's produced 44 points in his last 25 and owns 13 multi-point games since that early adjustment phase.

"Hunter's been awesome for us," head coach Trevor Stienburg said. "He hit his stride at the exact time we needed him, but this entire team is a pleasure to coach. The buy-in and commitment is there. We've overcome a lot and we want to continue playing this year and take this group deep into the playoffs."

The bad news for the Huskies comes from the season-long storyline of key injuries. Former Moosehead Austyn Hardie broke his hand in the same spot twice

this season — both times blocking shots — and is likely out for the year. Halifax's Taylor Burke (Achilles) and forward Thomas Stavert (spleen) will also miss the playoffs. Sniper Ben Duffy is dealing with a concussion and is day-to-day.

The Huskies (15-14-1) won three of five regular-season meetings against the Panthers (11-15-4).

The puck drops at 7 p.m. Game 2 moves to Prince Edward Island on Friday. St. Francis Xavier plays Moncton in the other quarter-final, with University of New Brunswick and Acadia receiving byes.

In women's play, the Saint Mary's Huskies (18-3-3) finished in first place and received a bye to the semifinals. Dalhousie faces St. Francis Xavier in a best-of-three quarter-final this week.

NBA

Raptors pull trigger on trade for Ibaka

The Toronto Raptors were cartwheeling down the Eastern Conference standings, and a sense of unease had seeped into the dressing room.

But team president Masai Ujiri made a big splash Tuesday by reeling in power forward Serge Ibaka from the Orlando Magic, acquiring a player he's long coveted. The Raptors gave up Terrence Ross and a first-round pick in the 2017 draft in exchange for a pivotal big man they hope can catapult them in



Serge Ibaka
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the right direction.

Ibaka is averaging 15.1 points, 6.8 rebounds and 1.6 blocks a game this season.

The move came with the Raptors having dropped 10 of their last 14 games prior to Tuesday's matchup against the Bulls.

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Biagini still pinching himself

MLB

Reliever can't believe he's a Jay, success may see him start

Six months after cracking the Blue Jays' major-league roster, Joe Biagini had a dream he was back in spring training as an unknown pitcher trying to prove himself. He still has trouble believing his 2016 success even now.

"You spend 15, almost 20 years dreaming about this and you get in a habit of thinking about making it (to the majors)," Biagini said Tuesday at the team's spring training clubhouse. "I kept thinking throughout the year, 'Oh it'll sink in, it'll sink in' and it wasn't really sinking in."

"In August I had a dream that I was trying to make the team. I woke up and I saw the interior of my apartment in Toronto and I had to take a second and realize, 'OK I did make the team.'"

The 26-year-old right-hander, picked up by the Blue Jays in the Rule 5 draft before last season, became one of manager John



Joe Biagini walks back to the clubhouse after arriving in Dunedin, Fla., to begin spring training on Tuesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gibbons's most steady options out of the bullpen.

He threw 67 2/3 innings, striking out 62 batters and allowing just three home runs all year, then followed that up with 7 1/3 scoreless post-season innings.

It's because of that success, however, that Biagini's role with the team has become uncertain. With Toronto in need of starting

rotation depth, the organization has plans to stretch Biagini out over the course of the spring.

As Biagini described it, he's insurance "in case something crazy happens or doesn't go right or if there's some sort of spot that opens up."

"I'm going to be prepared as a possible option but there's no guarantee on that," he said.

"Obviously they're going to use spring training to figure that out. I just talked to (general manager) Ross (Atkins) about that and he was really encouraging."

"I think they're stretching me out early in camp, kind of just maintaining that and then preparing me to expect to go into the bullpen or also start if something happens where I

need to do that." Biagini worked primarily as a starter throughout his minor-league career with the San Francisco Giants before joining Toronto. He was 29-30 with a 4.06 earned-run average through 89 games—all but three of them starts—over four seasons.

Stretching Biagini out could mean sending him to triple-A Buffalo to get reps in a rotation once the season begins. Biagini said he and Atkins had discussed that possibility.

"I'm OK with doing whatever they want me to do," Biagini said. "I don't know if (going to triple-A) is going to be an extremely likely option but it can be, there's just no way of knowing. They said there were some unique scenarios where that could possibly happen

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for a period. "In doing that, if it could help the team win I'm not going to make a big issue about it." Marco Estrada, who missed a handful of starts with a back injury last year, believes Biagini has what it takes to be an effective starter.

"Oh God yeah, he can definitely start," Estrada said. "He's a huge asset to this team. What he did for us last year was incredible. To be a Rule 5 guy, nobody knew who he was, next thing you know he's one of our best relievers."

"He's definitely got the stuff to start. He can probably be a really good starter and the only way of knowing is

to throw him out there and letting him do it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

\$3.4M

Toronto's Marcus Stroman won his salary arbitration case Tuesday. Stroman got a boost from \$525,900 to \$3.4 million from arbitrators Steven Wolf, Jeanne Wood and Oldham rather than Toronto's \$3.1 million figure.



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Four-star PSG leave Barcelona on brink

Two years after being humiliated by Barcelona in the Champions League, Paris Saint-Germain turned the tables on the five-time champions with a relentless display of skill, energy and determination.

Angel Di Maria scored two superb goals and top scorer Edinson Cavani grabbed his 34th of a prolific season, with both players scoring on their birthdays as PSG battered Barcelona 4-0 in the first leg of their Round of 16 contest on Tuesday.

Newly-signed winger Julian Draxler got the other one as PSG's irrepressible front trio—a mixture of constant movement, power and pace—tormented Barca. The Catalans have grown accustomed to handing out football lessons, thrashing PSG 5-1 on aggregate when they met in the quarterfinals two years ago, but this was a PSG masterclass.

Dreams of a sixth European crown should be put firmly on hold, because Barcelona has a massive task ahead in the second leg on March 8.

Di Maria, totally out of form for much of the season, cele-

brated his 29th birthday in style, rifling in an 18th-minute free kick and then skipping past two weak challenges before curling in a superb second from 25 metres (yards) out, 10 minutes after the break.

Continuing his fine form since joining from Wolfsburg last month, Draxler smacked in the second goal late in the first half. Cavani, celebrating his 30th birthday, drilled home the fourth in the 72nd minute.

"The understanding between the three of them was very high," PSG coach Unai Emery said. The noise level at Parc des Princes reached deafening proportions as Barcelona cracked under waves of incessant pressure. "We played a great game individually and collectively," Emery said. "But I still have a lot of respect for Barca. We must keep our concentration for the return match."

This time it looks like the mighty Barcelona won't even reach the last eight, after equaling its worst ever Champions League defeat. "I'm responsible for this," Luis Enrique said.

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CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FIRST BLOOD TO BENFICA THANKS TO MITROGLOU

Benfica's Greek striker Kostas Mitroglou battles for the ball with Marc Bartra of Borussia Dortmund during Tuesday's Champions League match at Estadio da Luz in Lisbon, Portugal. Mitroglou scored shortly after halftime and goalkeeper Ederson made some key saves afterward to help Benfica hold on for a 1-0 victory in the first-leg clash. LARS BARON/BONGARTS/GETTY IMAGES

NCAA

Huskies win 100 in a row

As faux \$100 bills adorned with coach Geno Auriemma's face rained down on the sellout crowd at UConn after the team's 100th consecutive win, the Hall of Fame coach waxed poetic about the Huskies' past and present. It's the future though, that he's most interested in.

With 100 straight victories in the books, Auriemma and his top-ranked Huskies can turn their attention to the more important streak—a fifth consecutive national championship and 12th overall. "Tonight they carried the torch across the finish line to 100," Auriemma said after the 66-55 win over South Carolina on Monday. "If we win the national championship it is all theirs start to finish."

UConn's past was out in full force Monday night. Sitting a few rows behind the Huskies bench was UConn women's basketball royalty with former greats Sue Bird, Tina Charles, Morgan Tuck and Breanna Stewart watching the milestone win. They paved the way for the current success, including Tuck and Stewart being a huge part of the first 75 victories of this current streak.

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Effortless Salmon Dinner Tray Bake



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For Metro Canada

Cooking your entire dinner on a tray is the ultimate in ease and deliciousness.

Ready in 35 minutes

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 4 salmon filets
- 12 new potatoes
- 1 bundle of asparagus, washed and trimmed
- 20 cherry tomatoes
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp fresh or dried thyme
- salt and pepper
- big squeeze of lemon juice

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment.
3. Thinly slice potatoes and scatter them across baking sheet. Season with 2 Tbsp of olive oil, pinch of salt, pepper and thyme. Place in oven for 15 minutes.
4. Remove tray from oven. Increase heat to 400 degrees. Lay salmon filets over the potatoes and add the asparagus and tomatoes. Return to oven for 10 to 15 minutes, or until salmon is cooked.
5. Remove from oven. Squeeze lemon juice over the whole pan and serve.

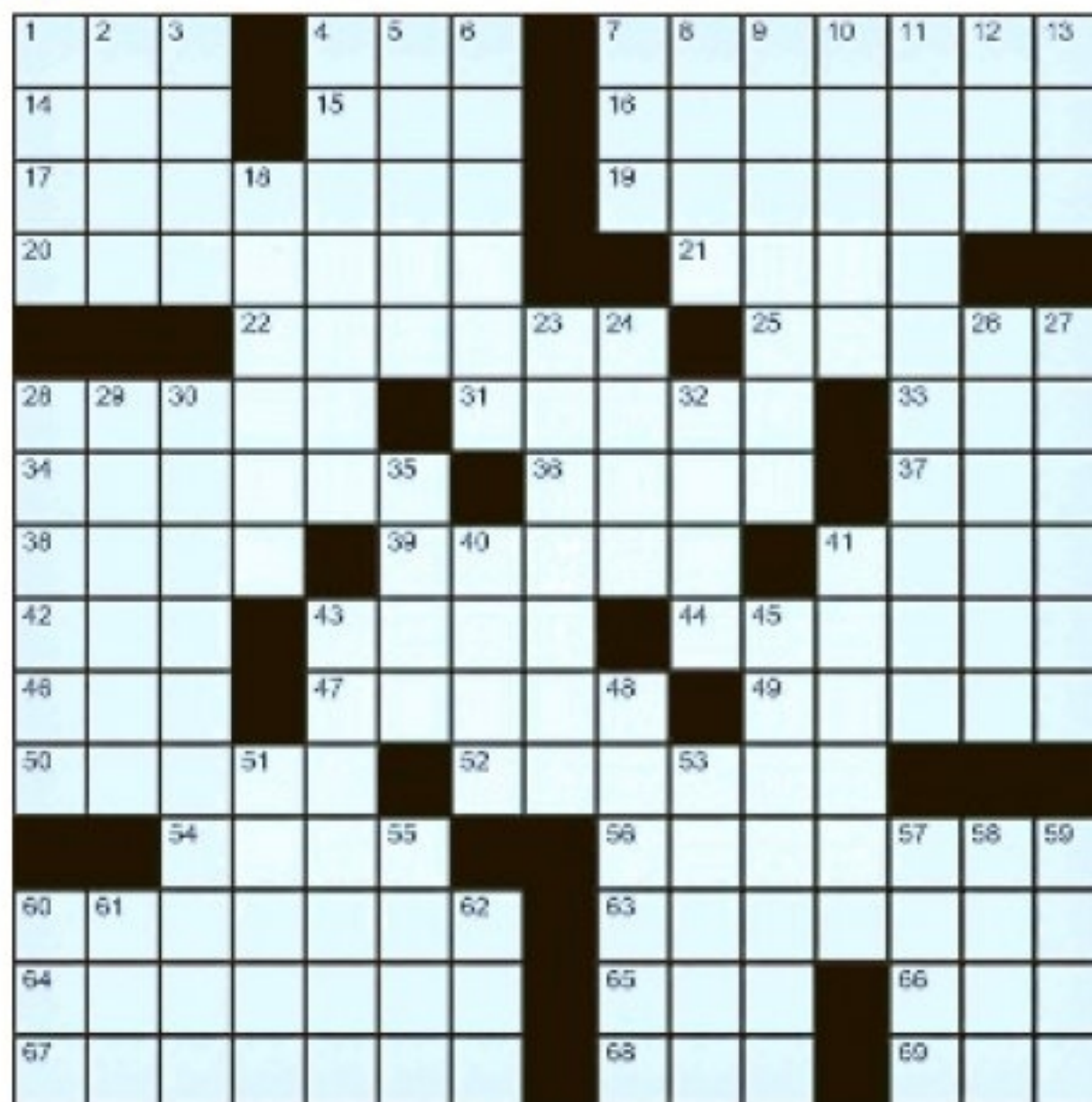
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. "___ and Away" (1992)
4. Mouth, informally
7. Type of landscape feature in Wapusk National Park, in Manitoba: 2 wds.
14. Green
15. "Bravol"
16. Hors d'oeuvres tray's ritzy roes
17. Norah Jones' musician father, Ravi ___
19. Fruit loaf of Germany
20. Gown and cap wearers
21. Perfected
22. Comedians
25. TV network VIPs
28. Dog: French
31. Buddhist who has attained Nirvana
33. Quebec turn-down
34. Who Achilles killed in the Trojan War
36. Mr. Brynner's
37. Roxy Music's Brian
38. 'Mars'-meaning prefix
39. Actor Mr. Davis
41. Flintstones pet
42. Mythical bird
43. Chimney stuff
44. Beer keg 'faucet'
46. Ms. Carrere
47. "Wicked Game" singer Chris
49. Niners - Eighters = ___
50. Theater curtain fabric
52. Furniture polish
54. Rock guitarist Steve's
56. Followers of



The Way
60. Test tube room, fun-style: 2 wds.
63. Bauble
64. Barbary pirate
65. Ms. Ronstadt, for short
66. Singer Janis
67. Skiing venues
68. HS subject

69. Texter's polite abbr.
DOWN
1. Admit, ___ up
2. Patient's pain
3. Horse coat
4. Title lady in a Barenaked Ladies

song: 2 wds.
5. ___ clock
6. "Prince of ___: The Sands of Time" (2010)
7. "Sussudio" singer ...his initials-sharers
8. "I could ___ horse I'm so hungry!"
9. Shorebirds with

stilt-like legs
10. Bathroom cleaning brand
11. Ottawa-Gatineau's annual festival Winterlude as it is known in French: 3 mots
12. Iron ___
13. American cable channel

18. Kind with: 2 wds.
23. Where to see the works of art at #30-Down: ___ Garden, at Ottawa's Confederation Park
24. Feng ___
26. Sarah ___ "The Terminator" (1984) character
27. Snobs
28. Business meeting graphics
29. Courageous
30. They have created fantastically frigid sculptures at #11-Down: 2 wds.
32. Pub beverages
35. Aussie hoppers
40. Sudsy stuff
41. Have your meal at home: 2 wds.
43. Resembling
45. Travelling via a bouncy retro stick
48. Tea maker's need
51. Retort to "You are not!": 3 wds.
53. "Beyond the Sea" singer Bobby
55. "Who knows?" = "Qui ___?", en francais
57. Bypass
58. Blue/green
59. RR depots
60. "Proud Mary" gr.
61. Tilling tool
62. Loni Anderson's famous ex ...his initials-sharers

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is an upbeat day to deal with members of the general public. It's also a good day to enjoy the company of partners and close friends.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Co-workers will be supportive of you today, because everyone is in a good mood. Work-related travel is likely.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a fun day for sports events, playful activities with children, the arts, social occasions and romance. Whatever you do will expand your day in a fulfilled way.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
The earlier part of this day is excellent for real-estate deals. This also is a wonderful time to entertain at home. Invite the gang over.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is a positive day for those who are in sales, marketing, writing, teaching or acting, because you really are on your game! All Leos feel upbeat and positive.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a good day for business and commerce because you're not afraid to think big. A positive attitude with great expectations almost always will yield good results.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today the Moon is in your sign, lined up with lucky Jupiter. This makes you generous and sympathetic to others. You feel optimistic and willing to help wherever you can.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You might put your needs second today to help someone who is in dire straits. You will do this because it feels rewarding to do the right thing.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You'll enjoy hanging out with others today, especially in clubs, teams and classes. There's a strong sense of camaraderie with others, especially if you are working for a common goal.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your enthusiasm for something will impress bosses, parents and VIPs today. They see your positive attitude as an asset, and they are willing to bet on you.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a good day to make travel plans because you are enthusiastic about what is possible. You're not afraid to think big and reach for the impossible.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You can benefit from the wealth and resources of others today, which is why gifts, goodies and favours will come your way.

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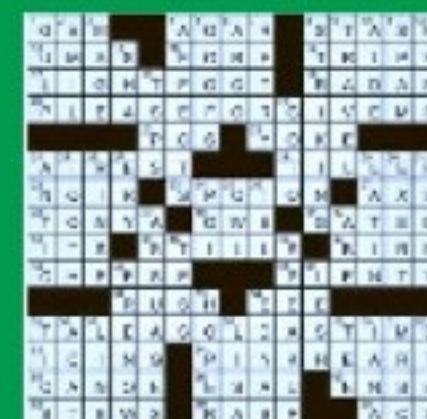
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